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I.

The Minister Church Wardens and Vestry of Saint Andrew in the County of Richmond, under a devise contained in the last will and testament of Ellis Duxbury, deceased, went into possession of a tract of land upon Staten Island for which he and his wife Mary, in her right as the niece of Mr. Thomas Lovelace, after a long struggle, had obtained a patent from the Crown.

After the death of Ellis Duxbury this tract became known as The Glebe. (See Beer's Atlas of Staten Island, 1874, Plates 4 and 8; based upon a map entitled "Map of Edgewater and Part of New Brighton Staten Island New York Showing old Farm lines Streets Avenues Lots &c From actual surveys by George M. Root, August 1866", a copy of which is deposited in the Richmond County Clerks Office.)

The tract so known formed the northeasternmost portion of Colonel Francis Lovelace's plantation on Staten Island, which extended westerly along the Kill von Kull at least as far as Palmer Run, and included a tract once in possession of Capt. Dudley Lovelace.

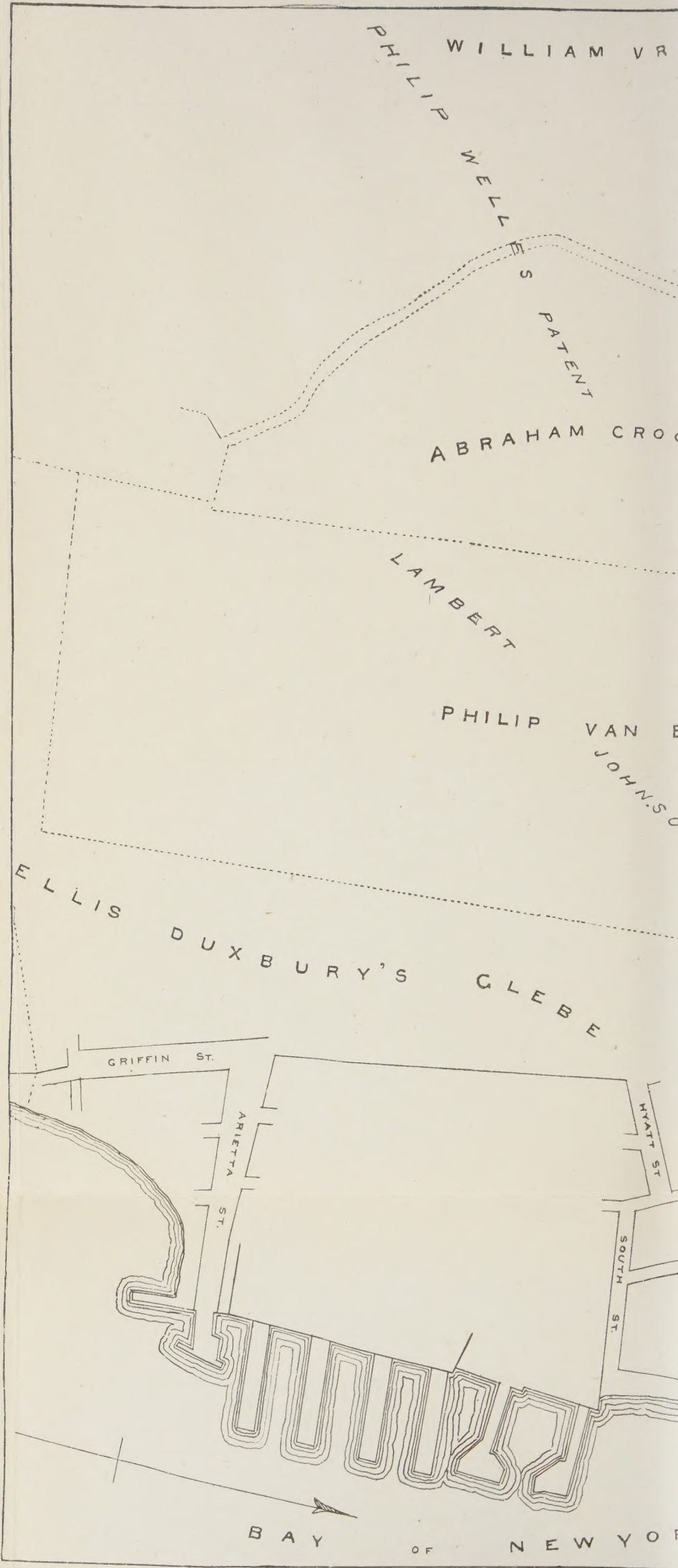
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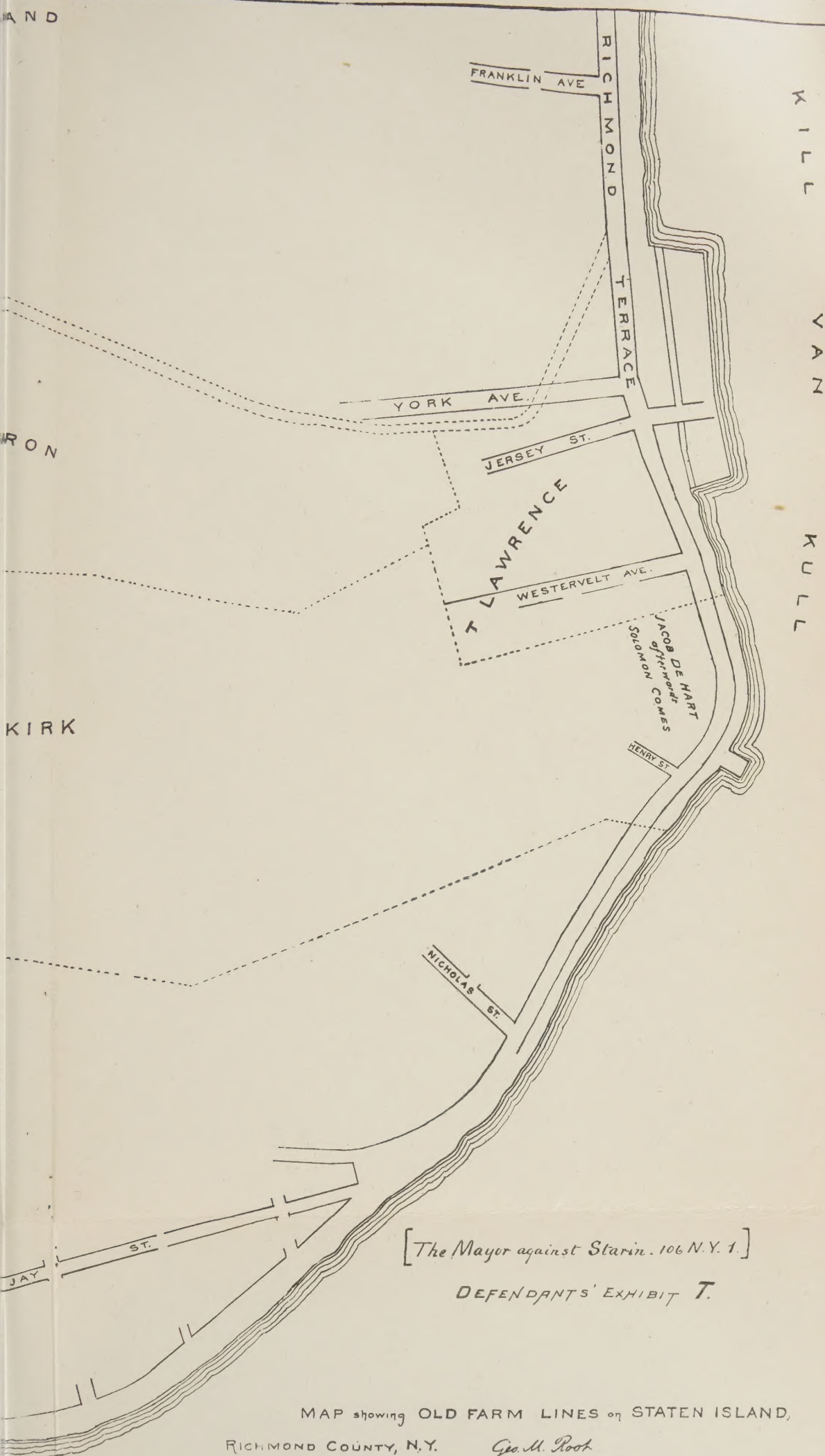
York to the Dutch. Upon the restoration of British authority his plantation was retaken by the Duke of York, who granted some parcels thereof to various persons, through Gov. Andros, and the remainder, excepting a tract occupied by Mr. Thomas Lovelace and here referred to as The Glebe, was granted to John Palmer, who conveyed it to Thomas Dongan.

Capt. Dudley Lovelace is mentioned as a commissioner to grant lands at Hurley, in Ulster County, and otherwise. (*2 Brodhead's History of The State of New York*, 167, 184; *13 Documents Relating to the Colonial History of The State of New York—Col. Doc.—401, 443 et seq.; 452, 462.*)

Mr. Thomas Lovelace was active in the affairs of the province during Governor Francis Lovelace's administration and served as sheriff of Richmond County during the year 1684-5. (*2 Bryant's History of The United States*, 1st edition, 345; *2 Brod.* 172, 188, 206, 207; *Civil List of The State of New York*, edition of 1886, 312, 463; *12 Col. Doc.* 486; *14 id.* 639.)

The relationship of Francis, Dudley and Thomas Lovelace does not clearly appear. Francis, the Governor of the





[The Mayor against Starin. 106 N.Y. 1.]

DEFENDANTS' EXHIBIT T.

MAP showing OLD FARM LINES on STATEN ISLAND,
RICHMOND COUNTY, N.Y.

1885

Geo. M. Rook
Surveyor.

SCALE 300 FEET TO ONE INCH.

[Reduced from the original. Scale = about 537 feet to one inch.]

Province of New York, is said to have been the son of John, Lord Lovelace, Baron of Hurley; (34 *Dictionary of National Biography*, 166; *Appendix, Part 1, post, p. 58 et seq.*), which statement has been questioned. (2 *Wilson's Memorial History of The City of New York* 96; *post p. 59.*) Captain Dudley Lovelace is referred to as the brother of the governor. (13 *Col. Doc.* 447.) So also is Mr. Thomas Lovelace. (2 *Mem. Hist. C. N. Y.* 96.) The subject of the Lovelace pedigrees requires re-examination.

The scope of this paper is intended to include all patents for land within the limits of late Village of New Brighton and the northern part of the late Village of Edgewater.

Papers published in Volume VI. of the Proceedings of the Natural Science Association of Staten Island, pages 28 and 31, show the grants of land upon Staten Island made by Colonel Richard Nicolls, the first English governor of the Province of New York.

Nicolls was succeeded by Col. Francis Lovelace in 1668. (2 *Bryant*, 336; 2 *Mem. Hist. C. N. Y.* 336; *post p. 58.*) On August 28th of that year the latter wrote to Lord Arlington that he was now " * * * invested with the charge of His Royall Highnes teritorys, being the middle portion of the two distinct factions, the Papist and the Puritane." (3 *Col. Doc.* 174.)

For the importance and general bearing of this allusion, the reader is referred to the introduction to Macaulay's History of England.

On April 13, 1670, certain Indians joined in a deed conveying Staten Island to Governor Francis Lovelace. (1 *Land Papers* 34; 13 *Col. Doc.* 455.) The Island had been previously conveyed by the Indians to Lubbertus van Dincklage, attorney for his Noble Honor Hendrick

van der Capellen tho Ryssel, (14 *Col. Doc.* 393) and it may be that prior grants or concessions had been made by the Indians to Cornelis Melyn, (See 1 *Col. Doc.* 144, 348) to David Pietersen de Vries (See *post p. 50*) and to Michael Pauw. (See 13 *Col. Doc.* 2.) The Indian inhabitants of Staten Island are said to have disappeared prior to 1675. (14 *Col. Doc.* 706.)

Governor Lovelace on July 22nd, 1672, directed Mr. Andrew Norwood, Capt. Dudley Lovelace and Mr. Robert Ryder to take a survey of Staten Island, with its dimensions and circumferences, to lay the same down upon a plat and make return thereof to him. (13 *Col. Doc.* 466; see *id.* 518.)

On the 5th of the following September there was filed a description in Dutch of a survey of Andrew Norwood's land, containing 150 acres. (1 *L. P.* 47.) This was followed by a patent (3 *Patents* 113; *post p. 60*) wherein the land granted is described as bounded on the north side upon land of Capt. Dudley Lovelace, near the Watering Place. (14 *Col. Doc.* 506.) The grant to Capt. Dudley Lovelace is again referred to in 4 *Patents* 109.

A Dutch fleet entered New York Bay on July 27th, 1673, (2 *Brod.* 206) and the ships companys breakfasted on Governor Lovelace's sheep and cattle on Staten Island, as he wrote to Governor Winthrop of Connecticut. (3 *Col. Doc.* 198.) New York was surrendered. (2 *Bryant* 347.) For a full documentary history of the second Dutch administration, see "Minutes of the Administration of Commanders Evertsen and Benckes, and of Anthony Colve, Governor of New Netherland, 1673, 1674. (2 *Col. Doc.* 569 *et seq.*)

Colonel Francis Lovelace, the late Governor, was arrested for debt and his property was confiscated. (2 *Bryant* 350;

3 *Narrative and Critical History of America*, 395; 2 *Brod.* 214; 2 *Col. Doc.* 611; 3 *Col. Doc.* 205.)

At a meeting of the Commanders and Honorable Council of War of New Netherland, held in Fort William Hendrick, August 21st, 1673, "James Grover, making known that he hath in hands on Staten Island a Water Mill belonging to Mr. Lovelace, on which work he has, he says, received 10 pounds sterling, requests order what further is to be done. Whereupon he is allowed to proceed with the work according to the contract." (2 *Col. Doc.* 580).

On October 11th, 1673, Colonel Francis Lovelace was ordered to depart forthwith out of New Netherland; he sailed on Commander Bencke's ship (2 *Col. Doc.* 603; see *id.* 579) and on March 2nd and 9th, 1675, was examined before a committee, appointed by the King to inquire into the surrender of New York. (*Post*, p. 59).

Commissioners had been appointed by the Dutch Council to administer upon Lovelace's confiscated estate (2 *Col. Doc.* 587, 651, 667, 672, 720), and Mr. Cornelis van Ruyven, the receiver, charged himself on June 15th, 1674, with a balance of fl. 41, 618.9. (2 *Col. Doc.* 721). This account passed into the control of the succeeding English administrations and does not seem to have been closed until January 21st, 1679, prior to which time Colonel Francis Lovelace had died. (*XXVIII Colonial Manuscripts*, 50. *State Library, Albany*). Had he been privileged to conduct his own affairs for a time longer, he might not have been found in debt to the Duke of York or to any other person.

Dudley Lovelace was sent to Europe (2 *Brod.* 213), and Thomas Lovelace was ordered to leave the province, but succeeded in delaying the execution of the order until the peace between England and

Holland left him free to remain in the land of his adoption, as appears from the following extract from the minutes of the Dutch Council:

"At a Council, Thursday, the first of
"March A^o 1674.

"Present

"Governor-General Anthony Colve

"Counciller Cornelis Steenwick

"Mr. Cornelis Van Ruyven and

"Secretary Nicolaes Bayard.

"* * * * *
"* * * * *

"On the petition laid before the Council
"on behalf of Thomas Lovelace, it is, after
"question was put, ordered as follows:

"The time fixed for the petitioner's departure from the Province within 6 months, is further extended for the space of three months; but since the requested Bouery is already leased, he must provide himself with another residence; in regard to the requested piece of land, if it be surveyed, he shall procure the Surveyors notes of the survey and lodge the same in the Secretarys office; furthermore, the Petitioner is allowed to dispose, at his pleasure, of the goods belonging to him personally; respecting the carpentry work applied for, Petitioner is referred to Schout Billjouw, to prove to him that the same was paid by the Petitioner, when he shall obtain satisfaction therefor if any of said carpentry work be judged suitable for raising a new house on the plantation, or else he may remove the same; furthermore the two requested horses are allowed and granted to the Petitioner and the Schout is required to let him have them; finally, the Petitioner's last request about the cows will be taken into further consideration.

"* * * * *
"* * * * *

(2 *Col. Doc.* 692, 694).

Was the "requested Bouery" the bowery of de Vries referred to in the following Dutch grant, and did it include the Glebe?

GRANT OF STATEN ISLAND TO CORNELIS
MELYN.

"We, *William Kieft*, Director-General, "and the Council of New Netherland, etc., "etc.

"Make known, that this day, date as below, we have conceded and granted, as "we herewith concede and grant (under "authority of an edict, issued by the "Honble Lords Directors on the — day "of July 1640) to *Cornelis Melyn* the "whole of *Staten Island*, situate in the "Bay of the North River of New-Netherland, except as much land as is necessary for a bouery, which had been "granted by us, the Director-General and "Council before the publication of the "above said edict, to *David Pietersen de Vries* from *Hoorn*, and of which land "*David Pietersen de Vries* has already "taken possession; with the express condition, that he, *Cornelis Melyn*, or his "successors shall acknowledge the Honble "Lords-Directors as his supreme authority "under the sovereignty of Their High: "Might: the States-General and obey here "their Director-General and Council, as "good inhabitants are bound to do; provided that he, *Melyn*, or his successors "submit to and acknowledge in every respect all such burdens and taxes, as have "been already or may hereafter be imposed "by the Lords-Directors according to the "Exemptions of *New-Netherland*. We constitute therefore the aforesaid *Cornelis Melyn* in the place and power, that we "had before over the land, giving him actual and real possession of it and full "power, authority and special permission "to enter upon, cultivate, inhabit and use "the aforesaid *Staten-Island*, as he would "do with his other inherited lands and

"effects, without reserving or retaining for "us any claim or pretension thereon." (*No date. 13 Col. Doc. 6*).

"Tradition says that one of the first dwellings on the Island was situated on the heights at New Brighton, and was constructed of bricks imported from Holland, and occupied, for a time, by a prominent official of the government. If there is any truth in the tradition, the house was probably the residence of de Vries * * *" (*Clute's Annals of Staten Island, 31*).

Thomas Lovelace had occupied the land lying at the Northeast point of Staten Island since about 1669. (*3 L. P. 69; post, p. 75*).

The location of the requested piece of land, the surveyor's notes of the survey of which Thomas Lovelace was directed to procure and lodge in the Secretary's office, is fixed by the following entry:

"At a Council, 18th April, 1674. "Present

"Governor-General Anthony Colve,

"Councillor Cornelis Steenwick,

"Mr. Cornelis Van Ruyven and

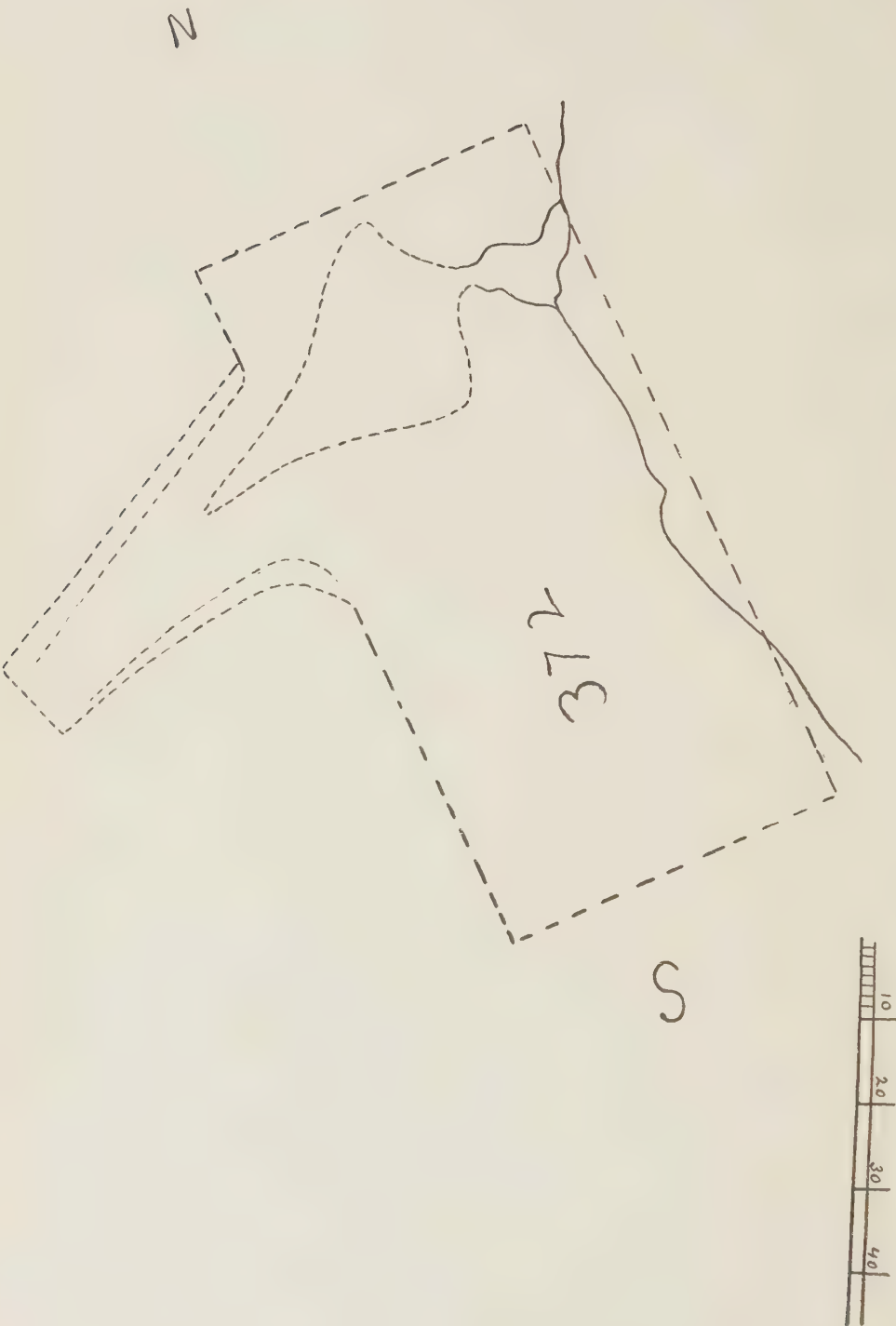
"Secretary Bayard, assumed Coun-

"cillors and Fiscal Willem Knyff.

"* * * * *
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"Read and considered the petitions of "Jacob Melyn and Jacob Kip, as guardians "of the widow of the late Cornelis Melyn, "requesting that they may be allowed "and granted possession (in consideration "of the lands which said Cornelis Melyn "reserved to himself when he sold Staten "Island to the West India company) of a "certain piece of land situate between the "mill-kill and Schutters Island, and that "Thomas Lovelace may be refused said "land which they understand he is applying for.

"Ordered:



"Petitioners shall within 14 days from
 "this date show what right they have to
 "any lands on Staten Island, or to the land
 "allowed to Thomas Lovelace.

"* * * * *
 "* * * * *

(2 Col. Doc. 706).

II.

The increasing bitterness of the politico-religious struggle in the mother country led indirectly to the Peace of Westminster, which terminated Dutch sovereignty in New Netherland. (2 *Bryant*, 353.) In June, 1674, Charles II granted a new patent to the Duke of York (*Leaming and Spicer's New Jersey Grants*, 41), who issued a commission to Major Edmund Andros as Governor to the Province of New York. (3 *Col. Doc.* 215). Possession of New Netherland was surrendered to the latter by Governor Colve on November 10th, 1674. (2 *Bryant*, 354; 3 *Documentary History of the State of New York*, 45 et seq.)

Governor Andros was the bearer of a warrant for the sequestration of Colonel Francis Lovelace's estate, (3 *Col. Doc.* 226) and on November 12th, 1674, he issued a warrant of attachment thereunder, directed to Thomas Walton, constable upon Staten Island. (13 *Col. Doc.* 481; *post*, pp. 61, 62; see *Bogardus v. Trinity Church* 4 *Paige* 178, 15 *Wend.* 111; 4 *Sandford's Chancery Reports* 369, 633).

At a meeting of the Council held on August 5, 1675, it was ordered that all persons who had warrants for land upon Staten Island should within six weeks apply to the surveyor to have their lands laid out. (13 *Col. Doc.* 485.)

Governor Andros executed a patent bearing date June 3rd, 1676, reciting that the estate of Col. Francis Lovelace had been "legally Attached and Apprized for Debt to his Royall Highnesse," and granting to John Palmer about eighty acres

of land and the uncompleted mill thereon, so attached. (4 *Pat.* 110; *post*, p. 62).

A partly illegible foot note in the record seems to indicate that this patent was called in and another issued in its place. A second patent was executed bearing date the same day and granting to John Palmer land adjoining that above mentioned, and "lying between the two runs at the Mill Creeke beginning with a narrow point and running up wider into the Island. Containing the quantity of 342 acres." (4 *Pat.* 113; *post*, p. 63). This would seem to indicate the point of confluence of Clove Brook and Palmer Run.

John Palmer's name appears as sheriff of Richmond County in 1683; (*Civil List* 463) as judge of the court of admiralty in 1684; (*id.* 276) and as a member of the Council in 1684-5 and 1687-8; (*id.* 312; 3 *Col. Doc.* 543) he seems to have been the confidential agent of Governor Dongan (3 *Col. Doc.* 387, 402, 413, 414, 416, 417, 420, 421, 428, 429, 475, 478) and to have suffered serious losses during the Leisler administration. (3 *Col. Doc.* 610, 662.)

A patent was executed bearing date September 29th, 1676, granting to Andrew Norwood 372 acres of land upon Staten Island, including that formerly granted to him by Governor Lovelace, and the 150 acres formerly occupied by Captain Dudley Lovelace. (4 *Pat.* 109; *post*, p. 60).

Plate II shows a surveyor's rough draft of the 372 acres so granted. Whether Boyd Hill, the school house knoll, Corssen's Brook Valley and the bluff below St. Mary's Church be thereon indicated are questions upon which surveyors might be heard with profit.

The Duke of York sent to Governor Andros a letter bearing date May 7th, 1677, granting the latter's request to visit England. (3 *Col. Doc.* 246.)

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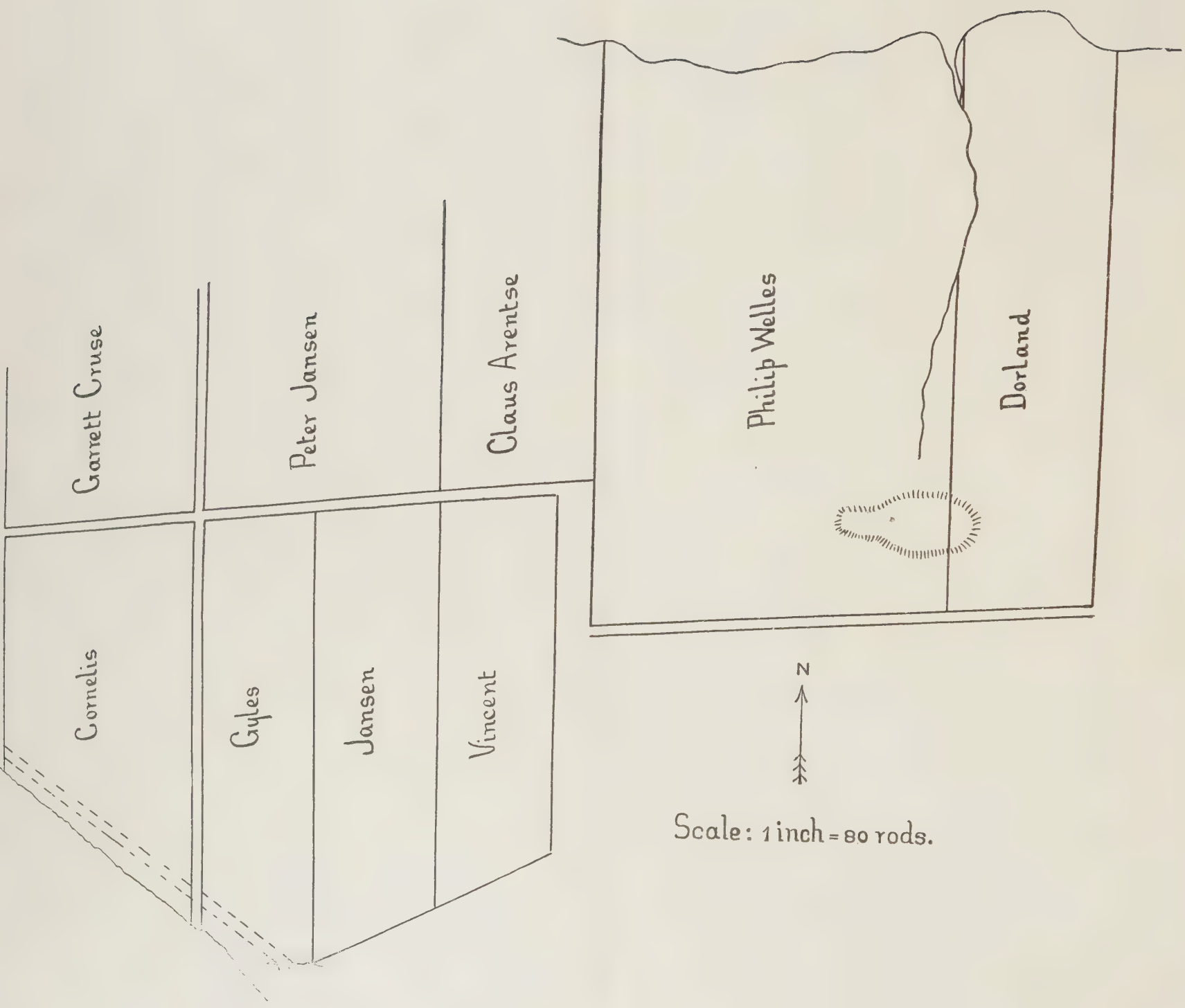
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By patent dated December 15th, there was granted to Jacob Cornelise 90 acres of land in the rear of the land of Garret Cruse; (1 *L. P.* 173; 5 *Pat.* 12) to James Gyles 90 acres in the rear of the land of Peter Jansen; (1 *L. P.* 173; 5 *Pat.* 11) to Peter Jansen 80 acres in the rear of his front lot; (*L. P.* 195; 5 *Pat.* 23) and to John Vincent, a New York cooper (*E* 140), 80 acres in the rear of the land of Claes Arentse (Vight.) (1 *L. P.* 196; 5 *Pat.* 27; *post*, pp. 69, 70. See Plate III.)

On December 30th, John Tailor, sergeant, (5 *Pat.* 19) John Fitzgarrett (5 *Pat.* 20) and David Thomas (5 *Pat.* 21, *post*, pp. 70, 71) each received a grant of 88 acres of upland and meadow. The upland lay upon the great plain, and Mrs. J. Bleecker Miller, an authority upon the subject of British land grants in Richmond County, has pointed out that the southwest corner of the former Village of New Brighton extended partly over these three grants, which are frequently referred to as the "Soldiers Lots." (See *Liber of Deeds*, pp. 71, 76.) Whether they were granted to the non-commissioned officers and men of the "company of foot" which Governor Andros brought with him to the province (3 *Col. Doc.* 220) or were allotted to militiamen, (See 13 *Col. Doc.* 449) or otherwise, is a question for subsequent investigation.

Sir Edmund Andros left New York on the 7th and sailed from Sandy Hook on the 11th day of January, 1681. (3 *Col. Doc.* 286.)

Mr. Lewin's report and the answer of Governor Andros contain brief references to Staten Island. The Commissioners of The Duke of York's Revenue reported on

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Sir Edmund Andros left New York on the 7th and sailed from Sandy Hook on the 11th day of January, 1681. (3 *Col. Doc.* 286.)

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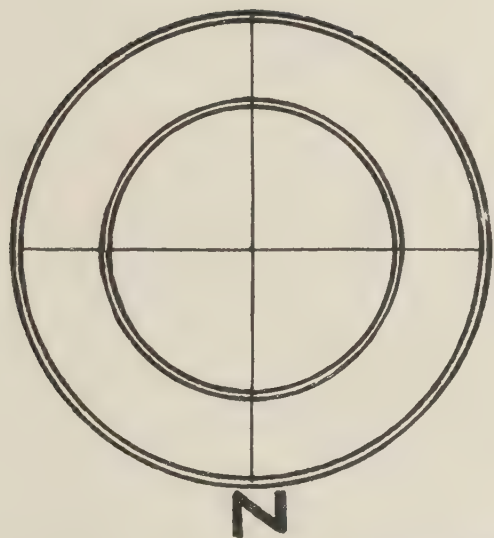
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As Lovelace never received a patent for the land so laid out, and as it was more than twenty-one years afterward that his niece and her husband succeeding in obtaining a grant, it is a fair assumption that the latter survey was made in the interest of Philip Welles, John Palmer and Governor Dongan. There is no recognition of any right in Thomas Lovelace in the grants to Welles, Dorland or Palmer. Whatever rights Lovelace had were probably only possessory and not likely to have ripened into a legal title by lapse of time. Nullum tempus occurrit Regi. The Lovelace family was in disfavor at court, and so continued throughout the reign of James II, for John, Lord Lovelace, had been arrested in 1683 on account of the Rye House plot, and in March, 1688, was summoned before the privy council for telling some constables that they need not obey a Roman Catholic justice of the peace. (34 *Dict. Natl. Biog.* 166.) The Protestant Lovelace probably had few rights which the Catholic Dongan felt bound to respect.

The final patent to John Palmer bears date March 31st, 1687. (6 *Pat.* 198; *post*, p. 65.) It not only confirmed all the prior grants of land to him, but granted some six hundred acres in addi-

tion and erected the whole territory into The Lordshipp and Mannor of Cassil-towne, with appurtenant manorial rights and privileges including the right to maintain courts baron and courts leet, all of which John Palmer and Sarah his wife conveyed to Thomas Dongan by deed dated April 16, 1687. (*Liber B, of Conveyances, page 80, Richmond County Clerks office.*)

Late that summer or early in the fall Judge Palmer was sent as a special messenger to the King by Governor Dongan, who seems to have desired to maintain over Palmer that control of living which so frequently implies control of action. (3 *Col. Doc. foot of p.* 430.)

Again trouble arose over the revenues and accounts. The governor accused Mr. Santen and the latter accused the former. (3 *Col. Doc.* 492, 493.) Dongan was recalled (*id.*) and Matthew Plowman received a commission as collector and receiver of revenues for the Province of New York in place of Mr. Santen. (3 *Col. Doc.* 501.)

IV.

The commission of Sir Edmund Andros as Governor of New England, in April, 1688, was enlarged so as to include New York and the East and West Jerseys. (3 *Col. Doc.* 537.) A commission was issued to Captain Francis Nicholson as Lieutenant Governor. (3 *Col. Doc.* 536, 537.) Under the order of the King, Dongan resigned his government to Andros on August 11th, and the latter returned to Boston leaving Nicholson in command at New York. (3 *N. & C. Hist. Am.* 409; 3 *Col. Doc.* 550, 566.)

William of Orange landed in England only about a month after Andros returned to Boston. In another month James II had fled to France, and in February, 1689, William and Mary were proclaimed in London King and Queen of England.

(2 *Macaulay Ch. X*; 3 *Bryant*, 12; 3 *Col. Doc.* 572.)

Andros was made prisoner in Boston. (3 *Col. Doc.* 578.) The government of New York had been left in the hands of Lieutenant Governor Nicholson and of Frederick Philipse, Stephen van Cortlandt and Nicholas Bayard, members of the Council.

It was suspected that Nicholson was under Jesuit influences. The people distrusted the Protestant members of the Council who had been recipients of Catholic favors. The time was ripe for Jacob Leisler, a German emigrant from Frankfurt, a leader of the people, or, as they were termed by the Council, "the rabble," to seize the reins of government. Lieutenant-Governor Captain Nicholson departed for England "to render an account of the deplorable state of affairs" in New York. (3 *Col. Doc.* 585.) Former Governor Dongan prepared to depart from the province, four great guns having been discovered in his mill on Staten Island. (*Clute's Annals of S. I.* 63; 2 *Doc. Hist.* 3, 5.) The events of Leisler's administration may be found very fully set out in 2 *Doc. Hist.* 1 *et seq.* and in 3 *Col. Doc.* 583 *et seq.* (See 1 *William Smith's History of The Province of New York* 93.) William and Mary were proclaimed by Leisler on June 22nd, 1689. (3 *Bryant* 15.)

It was probably during this eventful year that Thomas Lovelace died. Having no children, he had sent to Barbados for his niece Mary and her husband Ellis Duxbury, but died before they arrived in New York. His widow hearing of their arrival, sent for them, and, telling them that it was her husband's desire, delivered to them possession of his farm on Staten Island, reserving for herself maintenance for life. (3 *L. P.* 69; *post*, p. 75.)

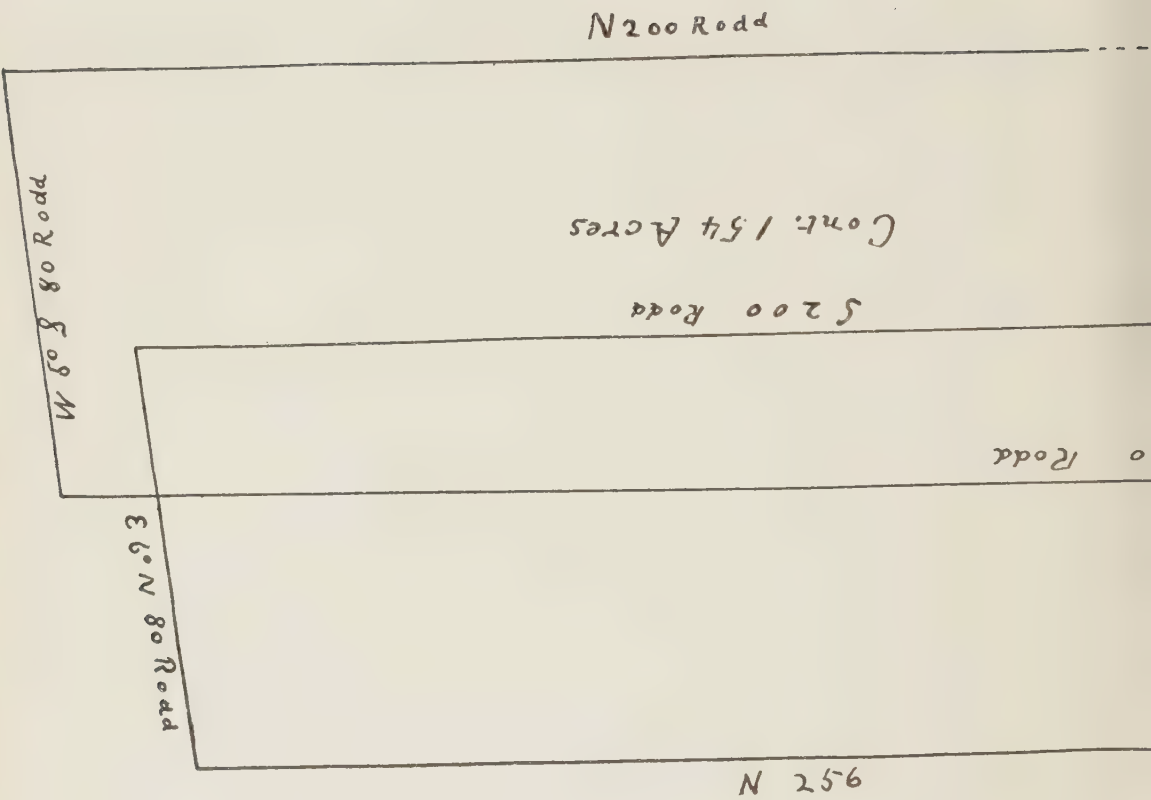
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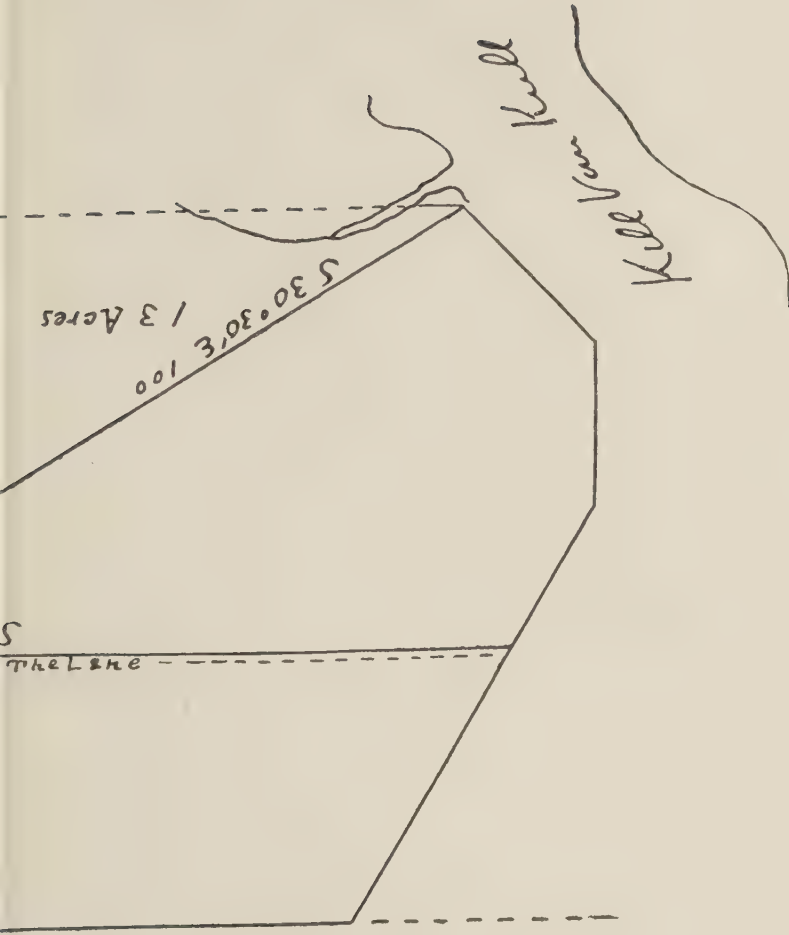
a commission to Colonel Henry Sloughter as governor of the Province of New York. (3 *Col. Doc.* 623, 629.) He did not sail from England until December 1, 1690, and then went by way of Bermuda. Richard Ingoldsby, as captain of a company of grenadiers, sailed at the same time, arrived in New York on January 29th, 1691, and at once attacked the fort, which Leisler refused to deliver up except upon the order of Sloughter. (3 *Bryant* 21.)

Sloughter arrived on March 19th, 1691, and demanded possession of the fort. A slight delay on Leisler's part for the purpose of establishing Sloughter's identity, was made the pretext for his arrest on a charge of treason, under which he was tried, convicted and executed. By act of attainder his family was deprived of his estate, but the attainder was reversed by act of Parliament in 1695. (2 *Doc. Hist.* 249, 250. See 4 *Col. Doc.* 320, 325.)

Duxbury had presented a petition to Major Ingoldsby for a grant of the Lovelace farm on Staten Island, and a patent was executed bearing date March 19, 1691, the day of Sloughter's arrival. This patent recites the seizen and possession by Thomas Lovelace of Lovelace's farm on Staten Island; the marriage of Ellis Duxbury with Mary the niece of Thomas Lovelace; that said Mary was the nearest heir in the Province of New York to said Thomas Lovelace; the death of Thomas Lovelace and the presentation of the petition to Major Ingoldsby; and grants the farm prayed for with the following proviso:

"Always provided that anything herein contained shall not be taken or construed to Barr or Deprive any nearer Heir or Heirs of him the said Thomas Lovelace, Deceased, of his or their rights to the farm or plantation aforesaid if any such Heir be." (6 *Pat.* 374; *post*, p. 74.)





The Draft of Lambert Jansen Dorlands
Land on Staten Island Set-Down by a Scale
of forty rods to an inch.

The proviso nullified the grant in so far as the marketability of the title was concerned, and it is difficult to see what useful purpose the patent subserved, except possibly the recognition of Ingoldsby as Commander in Chief. Duxbury seems to have stood well with the new authorities, for he was appointed judge of the court of common pleas of Richmond County and served until 1710. (*C. L.* 437.) He represented Richmond County in the first and fifth general assemblies. (*C. L.* 348.)

It will be noticed that this grant is in the name of the sovereigns, a form adopted by Sloughter and subsequently adhered to. (5 *Col. Doc. at p.* 369.)

Governor Sloughter died on July 23rd, 1691. (2 *Doc. Hist.* 219; see 3 *Col. Doc.* 794, 4 *Col. Doc.* 1152.) He was succeeded by Benjamin Fletcher, whose administration was marked by grave scandals, which led to his recall. (3 *Col. Doc.* 818, 827.) The Earl of Bellomont, appointed in his place, (4 *Col. Doc.* 266) reached New York on April 2nd, 1698, and died there on March 5th, 1701. (4 *Col. Doc.* 302, 857.) Edward Hyde, Lord Viscount Cornbury, received a commission as Governor of the Province of New York. (4 *Col. Doc.* 883.)

Queen Mary had died December 28th, 1694, O. S., and King William departed this life on March 8th, 1702. (15 *En. Brit.* 594; 24 *id.* 580.) Queen Anne ascended the throne (2 *En. Brit.* 62) and

was proclaimed in New York on June 18th, 1702. (4 *Col. Doc.* 960.)

V.

Ellis Duxbury now petitioned anew for a patent (3 *L. P.* 69) but obtained only a survey. (*id. post, p.* 75.) After waiting six years, he presented another petition and this time received an unconditional grant. (7 *Pat.* 385; *post, p.* 76.) It will be noticed that one of the grantees in this patent is referred to as "our Loving Subject Ellias Duxbury" and Duxbury's name appears as Elias in the assembly records. (*C. L.* 348.) Ellis was a common corruption of Elias. (*Bardsley's "Our English Surnames,"* 54.)

But Duxbury's troubles were not ended. The encroachment by Philip Welles on Dorland's west boundary caused the latter to encroach upon Duxbury's land. The surveyor general made a resurvey and rendered a report in Duxbury's favor. (5 *L. P.* 101; *post, p.* 73. See Plate V.) Apparently the encroaching lines were never rectified, as is witnessed by the metes and bounds of the Van Buskirk farm. (*Beer's Atlas of Staten Island*, 1874, Plates 4 and 8.)

Ellis Duxbury died in 1718, leaving a last will and testament by which he devised his plantation on Staten Island to The Minister Church Wardens and Vestry of Saint Andrew in the County of Richmond. (*Post, p.* 77.)

THE END

APPENDIX.

PART I. LOVELACE PEDIGREES.

A.

John Lovelace
(died 1558) of the Manor of Hurley in Berkshire.

Richard Lovelace
of Hurley.

Sir Richard Lovelace, } = 1st Catherine Hill
Lord Lovelace, Baron of Hurley. } = 2nd Margaret Dodsworth

John Lovelace (2nd Lord Lovelace)	FRANCIS LOVELACE.	Elizabeth	Martha
John, (3rd Lord Lovelace)	William = da. of Wm. King		
John, died in infancy.	John (4th Lord Lovelace) died in New York, 6 May, 1709.		

(Compiled from 3 Banks Dormant and Extinct Baronage 497 and Burkes Dormant and Extinct Peerages 334.)

The manuscripts of the House of Lords,
1661. June 5, Petition of Francis Lovelace Esq^{re} second son to Richard Lord Lovelace, Baron of Hurley, deceased. Petitioner being inveigled to marry without the privity of his relatives, and much below his quality and condition was afterwards, by the like circumvention and cozenage, induced to settle his whole estate upon trust to the separate use of his wife. A short time afterwards he was and still is unjustly excluded from enjoying the estate so settled, and also from cohabitation with his wife. There being no judicature now in being by which such misdemeanors and practices can be punished and redressed, petitioner appeals to their Lordships, and prays that Ann King, Ann Lovelace, and others be sent for, and a day appointed for hearing his complaint. (*See L. J. XI. 285.*)

Annexed:—I. Statement of petitioners grievances.

Historical Manuscripts Commission, 7th Report, Appendix p. 144.

Manuscripts of S. H. Le Fleming Esq^{re} of Rydal Hall.

(850. April 16, 1667. Newsletter, 12th.

" * * * Colonel Lovelace, brother of Lord Lovelace, is to succeed Colonel Nicholas in the government of New York."

Hist. Mss. Com. 12th Rep. App. VII. 47.

(1595.) March 2, 167 4-5. Newsletter 26th.

" * * * The King has appointed a committee consisting of the Duke of Monmouth and others to inquire into the surrender of New York. They this morning examined Col. Lovelace the governor, who gave them the reasons of his absence at the time of the surrender. They were not satisfied and have adjourned till Thursday. * * *

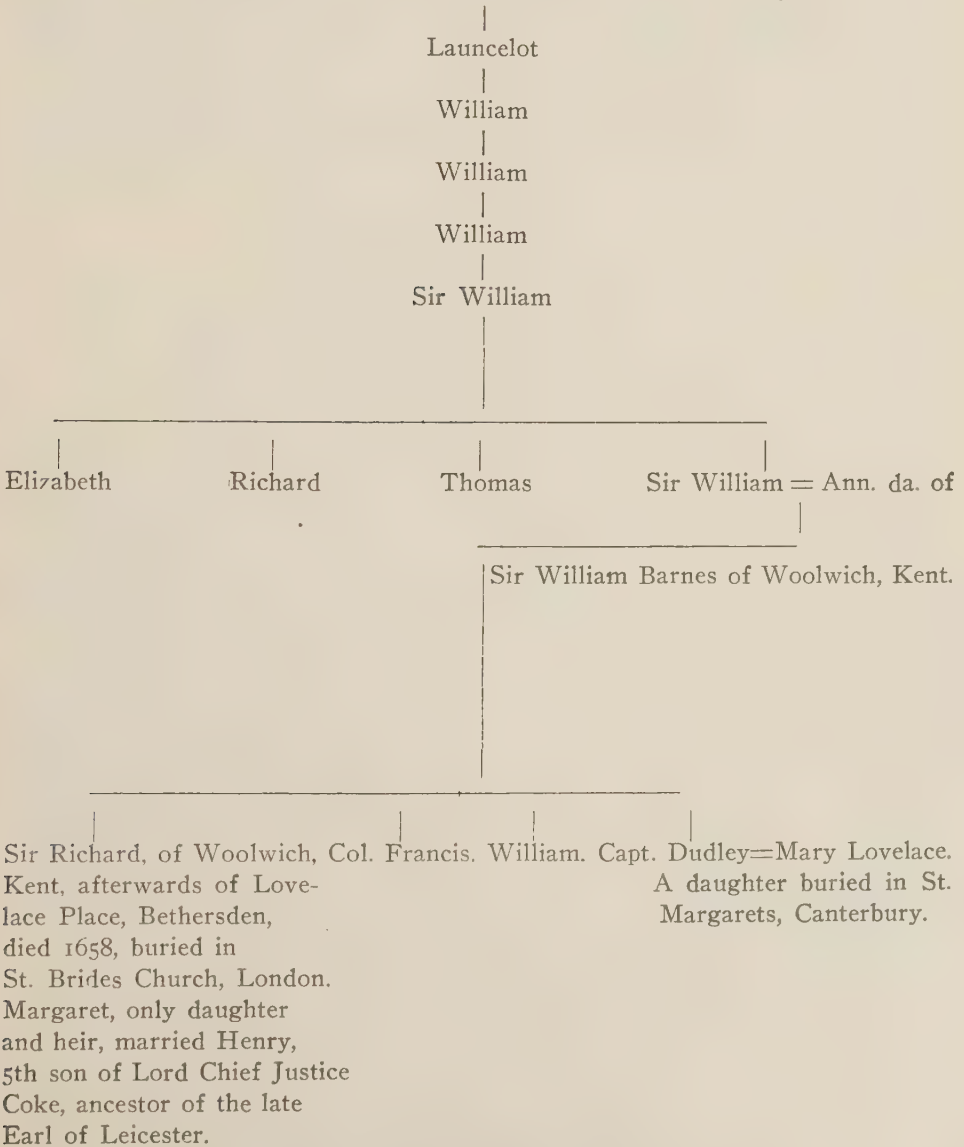
(1599.) March 9, 167 4-5. Newsletter, 5th.

“* * * Colonel Lovelace was examined again to-day at the Cockpit. A report is to be drawn up.”

Hist. Mss. Com 12th Rep. App. VII. 117.
34 *Dict. Natl. Biog.* 165.

B.

Richard Lovelace
of Queenhithe, London, temp. Henry VI. purchased Bayford.



Compiled from Berrys County Genealogies, Kent, pp. 474, 475.

PART II.
NORWOOD GRANTS.

1672 Sept. 5. Description of a survey of Andrew Norwoods land on Staten Island, containing 150 acres.

1 *Land Papers*, 47.

Francis Lovelace Esq ^{re}	Patent.
Governor &c	Dated 19 September 1672.
	Recorded 3 Patents 113.
to	Consideration, quit rent of
	£o. 12. 6. being at the rate
Mr. Andrew Norwood.	of one penny per acre.

Grants all that tract of land upon Staten Island bounded on the north side upon land of Capt. Dudley Lovelace, near the watering place; on east side along the shoare extending from the said land where now there is an oaken tree marked with an X 174 English poles to another oaken tree at the corner of a sandy bay marked with a cross and from thence extending west south west into the woods parallel to the Governors land so far as to contain 150 acres, with fitting meadow.

	Patent.
Edmund Andros Esq ^{re} &c	Dated 29 September 1676.
	Recorded 4 Pat. 109.
to	Consideration, payment of quit rent
	of 4 bushels of good winter wheat
Andrew Norwood.	to such officer or officers in authority
	in N. Y. as shall be empowered to
	receive the same.

Recites that "Whereas there is a certain piece of land upon Staten Island lying upon the Eastern side thereof being in Length by the water side 82 chains and in breadth forty Including also a certain Valley of Land lying in the reare of the said land being in Length by the side of the Hills forty chaines and at the reare six chaines and Eighteen chaines by the reare of the said Land being bounded to the Northward by the land of Coll. Francis Lovelace, to the East by the water side and to the South and West by the commons Containing three hundred and seventy two acres of land as also twenty five Acres of Meadow Ground adjoining unto the meadow of Capt. Nathaniell Davenport and Company lying to the Southward of the Point of John Tunison's Three hundred Acres of which said land was heretofore granted by Patent from Coll. Francis Lovelace (then Governo^r) unto Mr. Andrew Norwood and Capt. Dudley Lovelace and a beginning of a settlement made thereupon the remainder being New Land undisposed of All which hath now by Warrant from mee been laid out for Mr. Andrew Norwood as by the returne of the Survey under the hand of the Surveyor doth and may appear. * . * *"

Grants the land so recited.

1676, Oct. 5. Description of a survey of 372 acres of land "lying upon y^e easterne side of Staten Island" laid out at y^e request of Andrew Norwood of y^e Island of Barbados, merchant, by Ro:Ryder, deputy surveyor, [with draught.] (See Pl. II.) 1 *Land Papers* 93.

1676, Oct. 7. Description of the meadow land assigned to the foregoing. Ro:Ryder, deputy surveyor. 1 *Land Papers* 94.

	Patent.
Edmund Andros Esq ^{re}	Dated 29 September 1677.
to	Recorded 4 Pat. 141.
Andrew Norwood.	Consideration, quit rent of one bushel of good winter wheat to be paid in New York, &c.

Grants land to the North of Norwoods plantation "being in length by y^e water side 114 Rodds, ranging West South West up to y^e Hills 35 Rodds. Bounded North by land formerly of Collonel Francis Lovelace West by y^e Hills in all 25 acres."

1677, Oct. 10. Description of a survey of 25 acres of land upon Staten Island, laid out for Andrew Norwood, and lying to the northward of his plantation. Ro:Ryder, surveyor. 1 *Land Papers* 130.

III.

PALMER GRANTS.

Warrant authorizing Governor Andros to seize Colonel Lovelace's Estate.
[New York Entries, CLI. 15.]

Whereas it appears by the accounts of Francis Lovelace Esq^r my late Lt Govern^r of New York, stated and audited by Thomas Delavall Esq^r my late Audit^r there, that there is due unto me from y^e said Francis Lovelace a considerable sum^e of money amounting to y^e sum^e of about seaven thousand pounds; and being informed y^t y^e said Francis Lovelace hath some estate in lands and houses by w^{ch} I may in some measure be reimbursed my said debt; These are to will authorize and require you imediately after your arrivall at New Yorke wth out losse of time, fully to informe yourselfe what estate reall or personall y^e said Francis Lovelace hath at that place, which haveing done you are by due course of law to possess yourselfe thereof in my name and to my use, and to receive y^e rents, issues and proffitts thereof until I shalbe satisfyed such sum^e and sum^es of money as shall appear to you to be due and oweing unto me by y^e said Francis Lovelace. And for soe doing this shalbe yo^r Warrt Given under my hand at Windsor y^e 6th day of Augst 1674.

To Major Andros my Lt and
Governo^r of New York.

(3 *Col. Doc.* 226.)

An Ord^r of Attachment on Governo^r Lovelaces Estate, on Staten Island.

Whereas I have received particular directions and Order from his Royall Highnesse, to informe myselfe what Estate, reall or personall, there is in these Parts, belonging to Colonell *Francis Lovelace*, late Governo^r here, and to

possesse myselfe of the same, in his Royall Highnesse name and to his use: These are in his Maties name to will and require you, forthwith to lay at Attachment upon the Houses and Plantacôn upon *Staten-Island*, lately belonging to Colonell *Francis Lovelace*, as also upon the Water Mill sett up by him, and Lands there unto appertaining, together with the Horses and Cattle which may be found upon the said Island, or any other Goods there, of the said Coll. *Lovelaces*, the which shall bee prosecuted by due course of Law, on behalfe of His Royall Highnesse, against the said Coll. *Lovelace*, for Moneys and Arrearages of Moneys or Goods, due unto his Royall Highnesse; and for so doing, this shall be yo^r Warrant, Given under my hand and Seale in New York, the 12th day of November, in the 26th yeare of his Maties Reigne, Annoque, Domini, 1674.

E. ANDROS.

To Mr. *Thomas Walton*, Constable upon *Staten Island*, who is to make retorne of his Service of this Attachment, at the next Court of Sessions, to be held at Gravesend.

(13 Col. Doc. 481.)

"A Confirmation Granted unto Mr. John Palmer
for the Mill and some Land adjacent upon
Staten Island.

Edmond Andros Esq^r, &c.

Whereas the Estate of Coll. Francis Lovelace (late Governor here) hath been legally Attached and Apprized for Debt to his Royall Highnesse amongst which Materiall Stones and Appurtenances for a Mill in part built and about Eighty Acres of Land adjoining lying on the North side of Staten Island and being within Constables Hooke was Apprized at ffoure Thousand Guilders Sewant* as by the said Apprisement doth and may appear the said Materialls and Mill not yet finished, spoiling and going to decay And there being none on the said Island, which is very much wanted, therefore on application of Mr. John Palmer for the Generall good of the Inhabitants, the said Mr. John Palmer offering to pay according to the Apprizement By vertue of the Authority derived unto me from his Royall Highnesse I have Given and Graunted And by these presents do Give and Graunt unto the said Mr. John Palmer his Heirs and Assignes the aforesaid Mill and Appurtenances and Land adjacent Containing the Quantity of about Eighty Acres as aforesaid, with Meadow Ground Proporcônable hee finishing building up the said Mill making up the Dam and keeping the same in due repaire for the Publicke use as other Mills are or ought to bee and Improving the Land according to Law To have and to hold the said Mill and Appurtenances Land Meadow Ground and premises unto the said Mr. John Palmer his Heirs and Assignes unto the proper use and behoofe of him the said Mr. John Palmer, his Heirs and Assignes forever Hee Continuing in Obedience and Conforming himself according to the Lawes of this Government and yielding and paying therefore yearly and every yeare unto his Royall Highnesse use as a Quitt Rent ffoure bushells of good Winter Wheat unto such Person or Persons in Authority there as shall bee Empowered to receive the same. Given under my Hand and Sealed with the Seale of the Province in New York the 3rd day of June in the 28th year of his Maties Reigne Annoq Domini 1676.

This Patent alled in & E. ANDROS.
its place.

I do hereby Certify the foregoing to be a true Copy of the Original Record. Word *said* interlined between 12th and 13th lines and the imperfect note at the Bottom representing the said Record which is there defaced. Compared therewith by me

LEWIS A. SCOTT, Secretary.

(4 Pat. 110.)

(Lewis Allaire Scott was Secretary of State from October 23rd, 1789, to March 24th, 1793. *Civil List* 170.)

(*See N. Y. Evening Post, March 17, 1900, p. 13, first and second columns.)

Patent.

Edmund Andros Esqr &c. Dated 3 June 1776. (So in record.)

to Recorded 4 Pat. 113.

John Palmer. Consideration, quit rent of

16 bushels of good winter wheat &c.

Grants land within Constable Hook on the North side of Staten Island and lying between the two runs at the Mill Creeke beginning with a narrow point and running up wider into the Island. Containing the quantity of 342 acres.

1684, March 29. Description of a survey of 4500 acres of land "situated in the middle or body of Staten Island" laid out for John Palmer by Philip Welles, surveyor.

2 *Land Papers* 33.

Thomas Dongan

Lieut-Governor, and Vice Admirall, &c.

to

John Palmer.

"Confirmacôn,"

Dated 2 May 1684.

Recorded 5 Patents, 141.

Consideration, quit rent of one lamb and 8 bushels of good winter wheate if demanded.

Recites patent of 29 Sept. 1677, granting to John Palmer a parcel of land upon the North side of Staten Island within Constable Hook "lying between the two runs at the Mill Creeke beginning with a narrow Point and running up wider into the Island Containing the Quantity of three hund^d forty two Acres Meadow Ground to be Laid out Proporcônably."

Recites patent of 29 Sept. 1677, granting to John Palmer a parcel of land on Staten Island "beginning att the Pointe of the Mill Creeke soe to goe to a Certaine runn or Creeke to the East thereof forty Chaines or one hund^d and Sixty Rodd and from thence Stretching into the Woods Ninety six Rodd Containing Ninety six Acres together with the Mill and Millstones thereon with Meadow Ground Proporcônable."

Recites that "Whereas the said Sr Edmund Andross Did Give and Graunt unto ffrancis Barbor of the aforesaid Island one Lott of Land on the said Island Bounded on the North with the Land before mencôned belonging to the said Mill on the east with the Land formerly belonging to Garrett Cruse Deceased, on the South with the Land formerly belonging to Jacob Cornelis and on the West with the Land of the said John Palmer Containing Eighty Acres."

Recites patent of 15th December 1680, granting to Jacob Cornelisse "another Parcell of Land on the said Island in the reere of the said Garret Cruse

his land and running Direct South one hund^d thirty-two Rodd to a Runn which Goes to the Mill of the said John Palmer and soe by the said Runn southeast one hund^d twenty eight Rodd and from thence Direct North two hundred and twenty Rodd to the marked Tree of the said Garrett Cruse and from thence West Six Degrees Southerly one hundred and Six Rodd Contein- ing in all ninety Acres of Land there being left eight Rodd in Breadth for high- ways with eight Acres of Meadow to be Laid out where most Convenient."

Recites patent of 15th December 1680, granting to "James Gyles another Parcell of Land on the said Island in the Reere of Peter Johnson's Land begin- ning at a Stake by the highway that is left betwixt the said Peter Johnson's and the said Garrett Cruse his Land and Runns in length South two hund^d twenty fouer Rodd to the Runn that Goes to the said Jchn Palmer's Mill and soe by the said Runn fifty fouer Rodd to the Clove Bridge and from thence East six Degrees Northerly twenty Rodd and from thence Direct North two hund^d forty eight Rodd to the Reere of the said Peter Johnsons and by the reare of the said Peter Johnson's West six Degrees Southerly Sixty fouer Rodd to the afore- said highway being in all Ninty Acres of Land with eight Acres of Meadow to be laid out where most Convenient."

Recites that "Whereas the said ffrancis Barbor, Jacob Cornelis and James Gyles Did by a Certaine Writeing or Deed under their Hands and Seales Con- vey Assigne and make over all their Right Title and Interest to the aforecited Parcells of Land and Meadow unto the said John Palmer his Heires and Assignes forever as by the said Writeings and Deeds may more at Large Appear by Virtue whereof the said John Palmer became and now is in Possession of all and Singular the Premises and hath made Great Improvements^{ts} thereon by Build- ing of Houses, Barnes, Stables, Mills, Dammes, fencing and other Necessarys for Husbandry and Whereas there is another Certaine Tract or Parcell of Land Scituate lyeing and being on the Staten Island Surveyed and laid out for the said John Palmer in the middle or body of the said Island being at the South East Corner of the Land of John Vincent and Runns due East to the Land of Andrew Norwood and soe by the Reere of the said Land to the South West Corner in the Valley neare the South East end of the Clove and from thence upon a Direct Line to the North East Corner of Thomas Stillwells Land thence by his Land and the Land of Wm. Stillwell upon the hills to the North West Corner of Geo. Cumins his Land thence upon a Direct Line to the South East Corner of James Hubbards Land at the head of the fresh Kill and by his land to the reere of the Land of the Inhabitants of Karles Neck and soe by the Reere of the said Karles Neck Lotts to the Greate Swamp including the said Swamp to the Reere of the Soldiers Lotts by the s^d Land and the Land of Cor- nelis Coursen and Companys after Lotts to the Land of the said John Palmer aforemencōned and by the said Land to the South East Corner of the said John Vincents Land where it first began. Containing with all the Hills Valleys and Fresh Meadows within the above Specified Bounds fouer Thousand five hund^d Acres (allowance being given for Highways) Together with the Greate Island of Meadow lyeing near the fresh Kill as by the Returne of the Surveyor under his Hand bearing date the twenty ninth day of March one thousand six hund^d Eighty fouer Doth and may Appeare."

Grants all the land so recited.

1687. January 17. Description of a survey of 5100 acres of land, lying upon Staten Island, on the Kill van Kull, together with the great Island of salt meadow, near the Fresh kill, and opposite to Long neck, laid out for John Palmer, by Philip Welles, surveyor. 2 *Land Papers* 208.

“The following Pattent was Recorded
for John Palmer Esq^{re} the 30th day
of July Ano. Dom. 1687.

Thomas Dongan Capt. Generall Governo^r in Chief and vice Admirall in and over the Province of New York and Territorys depending thereon in America under his most sacred majesty James the Second by the Grace of God of England, Scotland ffraunce and Ireland king Defender of the faith &c: To all whom these presents shall come, sendeth Greeting Whereas John Palmer of the City of New York Esq^r as well by vertue of severall deeds & Patents to him or them under whom he claymes made by the former Governo^{rs} of this Province, as by vertue of a Certaine patent or Confirmacôn under my hand and seale of the province Bearing date the second day of may 1684 stands Lawfully and Rightfully seized of & in all that Tract or parcell of Land scittuate Lying and Being on the north side of Statton Island within the County of Richmond Limited & Bounded in manner here after expressed, That is to say, Beginning at a Cove lying on the Sounds, or Kill van Cull at the east bounds of the Land of Garrett Cruise and so running in the woods by the said kill to a marked tree and from thence by a line of marked trees according to the naturall position of the poles south & by east two degrees and thirty minutes southerly according to the compass south there being eight degrees and forty five minutes variation from the northwestward and from thence by reare of the land of Garrett Cruise & Peter Johnsons east and by north two degrees & thirty minutes northerly to the line of peter Johnsons reare lott & by his line south & by east two degrees and thirty minutes south sixty one chaines and then by the reare of the aforesaid lott and the lott of John Vincent northeast & by east one degree northerly to the southeast corner of the land of John Vincent thirty three chaines and a half, from thence by his east line north & by west two degrees and thirty minutes northerly to a white oak tree marked with three notches Bearing northwest from the fresh pond, from thence to a young chestnut tree the southwest corner of the land of Phillip Welles & soe by a line of marked trees east nine degrees & fiveteen minutes southerly by the south side of a small fresh meadow & to the north of the ffresh pond including the pond to the land of Mr. Andrew Norwood and soe by his land as it runs to the wood of the land of Mary Brittain & soe by the reare of the old Towne lotts to the land of Isaac Bellew and Thomas Stillwill & from thence upon the Iron hills to the land of William Stillwell & by his land to the land of George Cumins & from his northwest Corner to the southeast corner of the land of Mr. James Hubbard at the head of the fresh kills & so Round by his land to the reare of the lotts at Karles neck and so by the lotts to the highway left by Jacob pullion & the great swamp to the land of John ffitz Garrett including the great swamp then

by the soldiers lotts & the reare lotts of Cornelis Corson & Company to the southeast corner of their ffront lotts & soe by the runne which is their bounds to the mill pond including the mill pond to the sounds or Kill van Cull & soe by the sounds to the Cove where first begun. Containeing with all the hills valleys ffresh meadows & swamps within the above specified bounds, five thousand one hundred acres, be the same more or less. To Hold to the said John palmer his heirs and Assigns forever at & under such quit rents as are reserved payable to his said mag:^{tie} his heirs & successors in and by the said recited patent relacôn to the same being had may more at large appeare. And Whereas, there is a great Island of salt meadow lying neare the ffresh kills over against long neck not yet appropriated to any pticular psôn And Whereas the said John Palmer has made application unto me for a grant of the said Island of salt meadow under the seale of the province and that the before mentioned to have been granted premisses together with the said island may be converted into one lordshipp or mannor Now know ye that for good and lawfull consideracons me thereunto moving and for the quitt rent hereafter reserved by the said Thomas Dongan by virtue of the power and authority to me derived from his most sacred maj^{tie} & in pursuanc^e of the same Have Given Granted Rattified released and Confirmed & by these presents do give grant Rattify Release & confirm unto the said John Palmer his heirs and assigns all that the aforementioned to have been granted tract of land together with the said Island of salt meadow as also all the messuages tenements buildings fencings orchards gardens pastures meadows marshes woods underwoods trees timbers quarrys rivers rivoletts Brooks ponds lakes streams creeks harbours beaches ffishing Hawking Hunting & ffowling mines mineralls (silver & Gold mines only excepted) mills milldamms and all the right members liberties privileges jurisdictions Royalties hereditaments proffits advantages and appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging or in any wise appertayning or accepted reputed taken known or occupied as part parcell or member thereof. And moreover by virtue of the Commission & authoritie to me the said Thomas Dongan given and the power in me residing & for the reasons & considerations above recited I have & by these presents doe order make & constitute the said tract or tracts of land & premisses with their and every of their appurtenances into one Lordship or mannor to all intents & purposes & the same shall from henceforth be called the Lordshipp & mannor of Cassiltowne & I the said Thomas Dongan have also given & granted & by these present do give & grant unto the said John palmer & his Assigns full power and authority att all times forever hereafter in the said Lordshipp and mannor over Courts Leets & over Courts Barron to hold & keep at such time and times & soe often yearly as they shall see meete & all fines issues amerciaments at the said Courts leet or Courts Barron to be holden within the said Lordshipp & mannor to be sett fforfeited or Imposed & payable or happening at any time to be payable by any the Inhabitants of or within the said Lordshipp or mannor of Cassiltowne or the Limits or bounds thereof & also all & every the powers & authoritys hereinbefore mencôned for the holding and keeping the said Courts leete and Courts Barron from time to time & to award and issue out the Customary writts to be issued and awarded out of

the said courts leete and Courts barron to be kept by the said John palmer his heirs or assigns forever or his or their Stewards deputed and appointed with full & ample power & authority to destrayne for the rents services & other sumès of money payable by reason of the premises and all other lawfull remedys & meanes for the having possession Receiving Levying and Enjoying the premises & every part and parcell of the same and all wastes strays wrecks Deodands goods of fellons happening & being forfeited within the said Lordshipp & mannor & of all & every sune & sumès of money to be payd as a post fine upon any fine or fines to be Levied of any lands Tenements or hereditaments within the said Lordshipp or mannor of Cassiltowne, together with the Advowson & Right of patronage & all & every the church & churches erected or to be erected or established in the said manor and lastly I the said Thomas Dongan by virtue of the power & authority aforesaid doe give & grant unto the said John palmer his heirs or assigns that all the Tennants of the said mannor shall & may at all times hereafter meet together & choose assessors within the said mannor according to such Rules ways & methods as are prescribed for Cittys Townes & Counties within this province by the acts of General Assembly for the defraying the publick charge of each respective City, Towne County & all such sumes of money so raised to collect & dispose of for the use aforesaid according as in the said act of General Assembly is established & directed To have & to hold all & singular the said mannor of Cassiltowne and premisses with their and every of their appurtenances unto the said John palmer his heirs & assigns forever to the only proper use benefit & behoof of him the said John palmer his heirs & assigns for ever. To be holden of his most sacred maj^{tie} his heirs & successors in free & common soccage according to the Tenure of East Greenwich in the County of Kent in his majesties Realme of England yielding Rendering & paying therefore yearly & every year for ever unto his most sacred majesty afores^d his heirs or successors or to such officer or officers as from time to time shall be impowered to receive the same if demanded one Lamb & eight bushells of winter wheate on the five and Twentieth day of March at the City of New York in lieu & stead of all services dutys & demands whatsoever. In Testimony of the premisses I have caused these presents to be Recorded in the Secretary's office and the seale of the province to be hereunto affixed the 31st day of March one thousand six hundred eighty-seven & in the third yeare of his majesties Reigne.

THO DONGAN

Seale.

By Command of his ex^{ncy}

J. S. SWINTON.

Att a Council held in New York the 31st day of March 1687 present His Excellency the Governo^r major Anthony Brockholls major ffrederick Phillipps major Stephanus Van Cortlandt Collonell Nicholas Bayard, this pattent was approved of. J. S. Swinton. Council may itt please yo^r Excellency the Attorney Gen^{ll} hath perused this pattent and finds nothing containd therein prejudiciall to his Maj^{ties} interest.

Examined march 31st 1687.

JA. GRAHAM.

Recorded in the Secretarys office for the province of New York in lib. No. 2 begun 1686.

J. S. SWINTON.

(Liber B of Conveyances page 74 in the office of the clerk of the County of Richmond. 6 Pat. 198.)

John Palmer	Deed.
and Sarah his wife	Dated 16 April 1687.
to	Acknowledged by John Palmer 16 April 1687.
Thomas Dongan.	Recorded Liber B of Conveyances p. 80, 16 April 1687.

Consideration, "A competent sum of Lawfull money of this province to him the said John Palmer in hand at and before the ensealing & delivery of these presents by the said Thomas Dongan well & truly payd. * * *"

Conveys "All that the Lordshipp mannor of Cassiltowne with the appurtenances scituate on Statton Island in the County of Richmond in the province of New York" &c. as set out in the patent.

Witnesses of execution, Phillip Phillips, J. S. Swinton and Geo.

PART IV.

VARIOUS GRANTS BY GOVERNOR ANDROS.

1677, March 16. Description of a survey of a parcel of land on the Kil van Kol upon Staten Island, containing 120 acres, together with 12 acres of meadow, laid out for Claes Arentse by Ja: Corteljou, surveyor. (In Dutch.)

1 *Land Papers* 104.

1677, March 16. Description of a survey of a parcel of land on the Kil van Kol upon Staten Island, containing 160 acres, together with 12 acres of valley, laid out for Peter Jansen Gowanes by Ja: Corteljou, surveyor. (In Dutch.)

1 *Land Papers* 105.

1677, March 16. Description of a survey of a parcel of land containing 172 acres, lying on the west (?) side of Staten Island, adjoining the mill land, laid out for Gerrit Croose by Ja: Corteljou, surveyor. (In Dutch.)

1 *Land Papers* 106.

	Patent.
Edmond Andros Esq ^{re} , &c.	Dated 29 September 1677.
to	Recorded 4 Pat. 137.
	Consideration, quit rent of two
Gerrit Croosen.	bushels of good winter wheat payable in New York &c.

Recites that Whereas there is a certain parcel of land on Staten Island lying on the north side thereof, the which hath by order been layd out for Garritt Croosen y^e s^d land being bounded on y^e west side with a small run of

water weh makes ye partition betwixt ye land belonging to ye Mill & ye land layd out for Collon^{ll} Lovelaces Plantacôn a line running on either side south and by east it is in breadth one hundred and seventeen English Rodd in length into ye woods two hundred thirty four Rodd. Containing one hundred and sixty acres and one hundred Rodd as also a piece of Meadow Ground lying on ye south west side of John Tunisons Creek, bounded on ye south west side & by ye Meadows by Clause Arents on the north side of Peter Jansen soe round environed by the creeke containing twelve acres as by ye return of ye survey under the hand of ye survey^r doth and may appear."

Conveys land so recited.

Edmund Andross Esq ^{re}	Patent.
	Dated 29 Sept. 1677.
to	Recorded 4 Pat. 138.
	Consideration, quit rent of
Peter Jansen.	2 bushels of good winter wheat &c.

Grants land bounded on ye east side with ye Creek which divides it from ye land of Clause Arentse, a line running on either side south by east and is in breadth 117 English Rodd in Length into ye Woods 234 Rodd. Containing 160 acres, and a piece of meadow lying on the south west of Jan Tunisons Creek Bounded on ye southwest by meadow of Clause Arentse, on ye northeast by the meadow of Garritt Croosen and so round environed by ye Creek. Containing 12 acres.

Edmund Andros Esq ^r	Patent.
	Dated 29 Sept. 1677.
to	Recorded 4 Pat. 139.
	Consideration quit rent
Claus Arentse.	of 1 bushel & 1 peck of good winter wheat.
	in N. Y.

Conveys land on north side of Staten Island Bounded west, by a small creek that runs through the meadows, thence along the Kill van Kull it is in breadth 90 English Rodd in length into ye woods 234 Rodd a line running on ye west side of ye aforesaid small Creek that runs through ye Meadows and on ye east side by a small water. Containing 120 acres and 60 rods. Also meadow lying on ye southwest of ye meadow of Peter Jansen and Garrett Croosen Bounded on the south southeast with ye Island where Daniel Perryn did live and on ye other side invironed by ye Creek. Containing 12 acres.

1680, Nov. 29. Description of a survey of 98 acres of land, lying upon the north side of Staten Island, laid out for Jacob Cornelis, by Philip Welles, surveyor. [with draught.] 1 *Land Papers* 173.

1680, Nov. 29. Description of a survey of 98 acres of land lying upon the north side of Staten Island, laid out for James Gilles, by Philip Welles, surveyor, [with draught.] 1 *Land Papers* 173.

	Patent.
Edmund Andros	Dated 15 December 1680.
to	Recorded 5 Pat. 12
Jacob Cornelise.	Consideration, quit rent of one
	bushel good winter wheat &c.

See 5 Pat. 141. Palmer Grants

Sir Edmund Andros Patent.
 to Undated.
 James Gyles. Recorded 5 Pat. 11.

See 5 Pat. 141. Palmer Grants.

1680, Dec. 21. Description of a survey of 88 acres of land, lying upon the north side of Staten Island, laid out for Peeter Johnson Gowanes, by Philip Welles, surveyor, [with draught.] *1 Land Papers 195.*

1680, Dec. 21. Description of a survey of 88 acres of land, lying upon the north side of Staten Island, laid out for John Vincent by Philip Welles, surveyor, [with draught.] *1 Land Papers 196.*

 Patent.
 Sir Edmund Andros Dated 30 December 1680.
 to Recorded 5 Pat. 23.
 Peter Jansen. Consideration, quit rent of one
 bushel of winter wheat.

Grants land lying upon the north side of Staten Island and in the reare of a part of Peter Jansens former lot, described as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of Claes Ariens Ueght and stretching in breadth west 6° southerly 60 rods, from thence by the line of James Giles direct south 244 rods to the Cloave Meadow and from thence by the fresh Meadows east 26° northerly 66 rods and then direct north 220 rods, the whole containing 80 acres "there being Eight Rodd in breadth left in ye Reare of ye said former Lott for a highway" and with 8 acres of meadow to be laid out where most convenient.

 Patent.
 Sir Edmund Andros Dated 30 December 1680.
 to Recorded 5 Pat. 27.
 John Vincent. Consideration, one bushel of
 winter wheat &c.

Grants land upon Staten Island, bounded on the north side by the reare of Claes Ariants Vight stretching West 6° southerly 63 rods bounded west by rear lot of Peter Johnson, thence direct south 220 rods and from thence bounded by the fresh meadow east 26° northerly 68 rods and from thence direct north 188 rods; there being 8 rods in breadth by reare of Claes Ariants left for a highway. Containing 80 acres. Together with 8 acres of meadow to be laid out where most convenient.

Edmund Andros Knt &c Patent.
 to Dated 30 Dec. 1680.
 John Taylor (Serjant.) Recorded 5 Pat. 19.

Grants land lying upon the Great plain in reare of Coursen & Companys lots, ranging southwesterly 14° 196 rods, thence southeasterly 72° 66 rods, ranging thence northeasterly 14° 196 rods and thence ranging northwesterly 72° 66 rods by land of Coursen & Co. to the first station Bounded westerly by land of David Thomas; southerly by the commons; easterly by the land of John Fitzgarrett and to the northward by land of Coursen & Co. and by the highway. Containing 80 acres. Together with 8 acres of meadow, in all 88 acres.

Edmund Andros Knt &c Patent.
to Dated 30 Dec. 1680.
John Fitzgarrett. Recorded 5 Pat. 20.

Grants land lying upon the Great Plain in the reare of the land of Coursen & Co., ranging southwesterly 14° 196 rods; ranging thence southeasterly 72° 66 rods; ranging thence northeasterly 14° 196 rods; ranging thence northwesterly 72° 66 rods by the land of Coursen & Co. to the first station.

Bounded to the westward by land of John Tailor; to the southward and eastward by the commons; to the northward by the land of Coursen & Co. and the highway, with 8 acres of fresh meadow between the plain and the swamp. Containing 88 acres of upland and meadow.

Sr Edmund Andros Knt &c. Patent.
to Undated.
David Thomas. Recorded 5 Pat. 21.

Grants tract of land on Staten Island in reare of land of Cornelius Coursen & Co. upon the Great Plain ranging southwesterly 14° 196 rods; ranging southeasterly 72° 66 rods; northeasterly 14° 196 rods; ranging northwesterly 72° 66 rods by land of said Coursen & Co. to first station.

Bounded to the westward by the meadows and swamp; to the southward by the commons; to the eastward by the land of John Taylor; to the northward by the land of said Coursen & Co. and the highway; with 8 acres of fresh meadow lying to the west of the said land. Containing 88 acres upland and meadow.

PART V.

PHILIP WELLES GRANTS.

1680, Nov. 10. Description of a survey of 180 acres of land, lying on the northeast side of Staten Island, joining the northwest side of the farm of Col. Francis Lovelace, laid out for Philip Welles by Ro: Ryder, surveyor, [with draught.] *1 Land Papers 171.*

Patent.
Edmund Andros Dated 1 December 1680.
to Recorded 5 Pat. 4.
Philip Wells. Consideration, quit rent of one bushel
of winter wheat etc.

Recites that "Whereas there is a certaine parcell or Tract of Land lying and being on the northeast side of Staten Island which by virtue of my warrant is surveyed and laid out for Mr. Philip Wells joyning to y^e northwest side of y^e Farme of Coll. Francis Lovelace beginning at a White Oak Tree by the Water side agt. Constables Hook & runns in Length by the east side of a small run one hundred Rodd to a marked black Oak Tree & from thence direct south two hundred Rodd to a marked Tree from thence in breadth west six Degrees southerly one hundred ninety two Rodd to a small white Oak & a great Rock stone from thence in Length Direct north three hundred Rodd by the Line of

Claes Arians Uicht to a small cove by the water side & from thence east by the water side one hundred ninety two Rodd to ye first white Oak Tree. Containing in all three hundred and sixty acres of Land there being eight Rodd in Breadth by the Water side left for a Highway.

Grants land so recited "together wth ye said Runn or Streame of Water with Libberty & License to make a Damm & Build & erect a Mill thereon, likewise forty Acres of Meadow to be laid out betwixt ye point of meadow commonly Mowed by Capⁿ Philip Carteret & the Creeke of Thomas Wandall & all Houses, Buildings, Fences & Improvements already made or to be made on the said Land.

Thomas Dongan	Patent.
	Dated 17 March 1685.
to	Recorded 5 Pat. 319.
	Consideration, quit rent of 1 bushel of good
Philip Welles.	merchantable winter wheat at N. Y.

Recites patent of 1 December 1680, granting to Philip Welles "a certain tract or parcel of land on the northeast side of Staten Island joining to the northwest side of the ffarme of Coll. Francis Lovelace, beginning at a white oak by the water side against Constables Hooke and runs in Length by the east side of a small run 25 chains to a marked black oak tree and from thence direct south according to the compas 50 chains to a marked tree from thence in breadth west six degrees southerly 55½ chains to a small white oak tree and a Greate Rock Stone from thence in Length direct north 75 chains by the line of Claus Arents Vick to the west side of a small cove by the waterside and thence east by the waterside 55½ chains to the first white oak tree being bounded to the north by the Water or Kill van Kull to the east by the Land of Lambert Johnson Dourlandt to the south by the land of ffancis Lovelace to the west by the Land of Claus Arents Vick;" containing 360 acres, eight rod being left by the water side for a highway and likewise the aforesaid Run or Stream of Water with Liberty and Lycence to make a Dam and build and erect a Mill thereon and likewise 40 acres of meadow laid out behind the Poynt of meadow Commonly mowed by Capt. Philip Carterett and the Creek of Thomas Wandall."

Recites further "And whereas there is a Piece of ground Lying along the said Runn and adjacent thereunto within the Limitts and Bounds aforesaid Containing fifty six Ackers which hath been laid out and surveyed for the said Phillip Welles, Now for a better Confirmacón" &c.

Grants all the lands rights and privileges so recited.

1686, Feb. 10. Description of a survey of a tract of land containing 360 acres lying on the northeast side of Staten Island beginning by the water side against Constables hook, and bounded on the north by the Kill van Cull, likewise a stream of water with liberty to make a dam and build a mill with the ground adjacent to the said stream, containing 56 acres and 40 acres of meadow, laid out for Philip Welles, by Philip Welles, surveyor. *2 Land Papers* 148.

For a continuation of the history of the Welles grants see Proceedings of The Natural Science Association of Staten Island, Vol. VI., p. 23.

PART VI.

DORLAND GRANT.

1680, Nov. 29. Description of a survey of about 145 acres of land lying upon the northeast side of Staten Island laid out for Lambert Dorland, by Phillip Welles, surveyor [with draught.] 1 *Land Papers* 176

Edmond Andros

Patent.

Dated 2 December 1680.

to

Recorded 5 Pat. 2.

Consideration one and a half bushels of winter wheat &c.

Lambert Jansen Durland.

Recites that "Whereas there is a Certaine Tract or Parcell of Land scituate lying and being on the northeast side of Staten Island against Constable Hook with a Certaine Messuage Tennement or dwelling House & Fences thereupon being p'te of ye Farme or Plantacôn formly belonging to Coll. Francis Lovelace Esqr late Governo^r here and surveyed and laid out for Lambert Jansen Durland beginning at a White Oak Tree by the Waterside on ye east side of Philip Wells Land & running southerly up by a small fresh water runn into ye Woods one hundred Rodd to a marked black Oak Tree and thence due south two hundred Rodd more being in all three hundred Rodd to another marked Tree and thence east six Degrees northerly eighty Rodd and then due north three hundred Rodd to a small Hickery Tree a little distant from ye Water side then due west Eighty Rodd to ye first White Oak Tree. Containing one hundred & thirty Acres of Land (eight Rodd in breadth by the Water side being left for a highway) together with fifteen Acres of Meadow in ye Meadow against John Tunison's Neck on the northwest side of the Island.

Grants land so recited.

1712, May 20. Description of a survey of 154 acres of land, on Staten Island, beginning by the water side of Philip Welles, laid out for Lambert Jansen Dortland, by Aug. Graham, survr. genl.

5 *Land Papers* 101.

"Pursuant to your Excellys Warrt bearing date ye 3rd of April 1712

I repaired to the Land of Lambert Jansen Dortland on Staten Island in order to survey the same and began at a White Oak Tree standing on the east side of a small runn of Water and thence was directed by the s^d Lambert to a heap of stones near an old black Oake tree lyeing on the ground wch the s^d Lambert informed me was the black Oake mentioned in his Patent the s^d tree bears from the White Oake where begun south thirty degrees and thirty minutes east distant one hundred rodd thence I proceeded as patent directed south east and north to the waterside to the place where begun & find that the line menciōned to run due north three hundred rodd falls short fourty four rodd the breadth west to the first station to exceed fourty eight rodd & concluded thence that my procedure from the black oake was erroneous & began at the first station & measured due east eighty Rodd wch brings me exactly to Lane

parting sd Lambert & Elis Duxbury thence I runn south three hundred rodd & in that course met severall antient markt trees & so proceeded & do find that within the last mentioned survey is contained one hundred fifty four Acres as will appear by the draft hereunto annexed. (See Plate V.)

May 26th, 1712.

AUG GRAHAM.

S. gl.

PART VII.

LOVELACE AND DUXBURY GRANTS AND PETITIONS.

1687, March 5. Description of a survey of 340 acres of land, lying upon the east end of Staten Island, bounded on the north by the Kill van Kull, and known by the name of Loulace's Farme, laid out for Capt. Thomas Loulace, by Philip Welles, surveyor. (See Plate IV.) *2 Land Papers 213.*

William & Mary Patent.

Dated 19 March 1691.

to

Recorded 6 Pat. 374.

Consideration, quit rent of £ 0.12.0

Ellis Duxbury and payable annually on the feast of the

Mary his wife. Annunciation of the blessed Virgin

Mary at Fort William Henry.

Recites that "Whereas Capt. Thomas Lovelace of the county of Richmond was lately seised and possessed of a certaine farm or Plantacion in the said county commonly called or known by the name of Lovelace's farme on Staten Island."

Recites further "And whereas our loving subject Ellis Duxbury of the County of Richmond aforesaid who Married Mary the Neece of him the said Thomas Lovelace Deceased hath by his petition prsented to Majr Richard Ingoldsby our Commander in Chiefe of our Province of New Yorke and Territorys thereon depending as being the Neerest Heir unto the said Thos Lovelace deceased in this Province Prayed our grant and Confirmation of the said farme and Plantacôn Called Lovelaces farme on Staten Island Now in the Tenure and Occupation of him the said Ellis Duxbury."

Grants "All that certaine farm or plantacion commonly called or knowne by the name of Lovelace's farme on Staten Island in the County of Richmond aforesaid beginning by the bay att a Great flatt stone sett up on the north side of a small Runn that is to the south from the Water Place and is marked with the letter L and Runns in Woods west and by north eight degrees and forty five minutes northerly according to the compass, (there being eight degrees forty five minutes variation) from the northwestward sixteen chains to a tree marked on the side of the Hill and from thence south west and by west five degrees and fifteen minutes westerly twenty six chains to the Land granted to Captain John Palmer and from thence west and by north five degrees and forty five minutes northerly twenty-six chains to an oak tree marked with a great stone growing in the root of the tree which is a marked tree of the land of Phillip Welles and from thence by his line northeast and by east five degrees and fifteen minutes easterly thirty three chains to the southwest corner of the

Land of Lambert Johnson Dorland and soe by his reare east six degrees north-erly twenty chains to his corner marked tree on the side of a hill and from thence by his line of marked trees north seventy five chains to the Bank and soe forward to low water marke and from thence by low water marke Round-ing as it Runns to the first stone marked by a small runn being bounded east by the Bay south by marked trees of the land of Capt. John Palmer to the west by the land of Philip Welles and Lambert Johnson Dorland and north by the mouth of the Kill van Cull. Containing in the whole 340 Acres with 30 acres of salt meadow to be laid out in that body of meadows against Carterets Point near the meadow laid out for Philip Wills."

"Always provided that anything herein Contained shall not be taken or Construed to Barr or Deprive any nearer Heir or Heirs of him the said Thomas Lovelace Deceased of his or their Rights to the farme or Plantaciôn aforesaid if any such Heir be."

Petition Dated 13 June 1702.
of

Ellis Duxbury Recorded 3 Land Papers 69.
and Mary his wife.

"To his Excellency Edward Lord Cornbury his Magties Capt. Generall and Governor in Chief of the Province of New York & Vice Admiral of ye same and ye Honble Councell.

The humble petition of Ellis Duxbury & Mary his wife

Most Humbly Sheweth

That yor peters unkle Capt. Thomas Lovelace was possest of a certaine farme or small tract of land upon Staten Island in ye County of Richmond which hee peaceably enjoyed for upwards of 20 years And having no children sent for ye petr^s from Barbadoes, but before they had Arrived at New York was deceased his widdow hearing y^t ye petr^r was come sent for them telling them it was her husbands desire they should have ye s^d ffarme & delivered them possession thereof (reserving to herself maintenance for her life) which they have enjoyed ever since the year 1689 having been att great charge in building, clearing & fencing &c.

Yor Petr^s humbly therefore prays yor Excellency and Councell will be pleas^d to grant them A pattent for the said land with such small covenants and Quitt Rent as other his Majties tennants in ye s^d County hold their land. And y^e Petr^s as in duty bound shall ever pray &c."

August 21. Description of a survey of 340 acres of land, with 25 acres of salt meadow, lying on the north side of Staten Island, laid out for Ellis Duxbury, by Pieter Cortelyau, surveyor.

3 Land Papers 69.

Petition Dated 5 Aug. 1708?
of

Ellis Duxbury. Recorded 4 Land Papers 126.

"To his Excell^y Edward Viscount Cornbury Capt. Gen^{ll} & Gov^r in Chief of the Province of New York, New Jersey & Terries depend-ing thereon in America & Vice Admiral of the same &c.

The humble Petition of Ellis Duxbury.

Humbly Sheweth That whereas y^r Excell^y Petitioner did sometime ago obtain from Excell^y in Council an Order for Surveying the Land which he lives upon and has had in possession and the possession of his predecessors for upwards of Thirty years, which Survey was made according to the said Order & Returned into this office, and this was done to the End y^r Lord^{ps} Petit^r might obtain your Excell^{ys} Pat^t for the said Land But the said Patent not being yet Expedited.

Your Excell^{ys} Petio^r doth therefore most humbly Pray y^e Lordship will please to grant him a Patent for thesaid Land, according to the said Survey, under such moderate Quit rent as unto y^r Excell^y in y^r great wisdom shall seem meet.

And y^r Lordships Petio^r as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c.

ELLIS DUXBURY."

Anne
by the Grace of God of Great Brittain
ffrance and Ireland, Queen,
Defender of the ffaith &c.
to
Ellis Duxbury and Mary
his wife.

Patent.

Dated 26 Aug. 1708.

Recorded 7 Pat. 385.

Consideration, quit rent
of 12 shillings current
money of N. Y. payable to the
Receiver General at the ffeast
of St. Michael the Archangel
at the Custom House in N. Y.

Recites: "Whereas our Loving Subject Ellias Duxbury by his Petition presented to our Right Trusty and wellbeloved Couzin Edward Viscount Cornbury Capt Gen^l & Gov^r in Chiefe of our Province of New York and Territories Depending in America and Vice Admirall of the same &c in Council have Prayed our grant and Confirmation for all the farme or Plantation Commonly Called and known by the Name of Lovelaces ffarme now and for many y^{rs} last Past in the Tenure or Occupation of y^e said Elias Duxbury scituate lying and being in the County of Richmond on the north side of Staten Island being by a small Run on the north side and from thence twenty degrees northerly sixteen chains to a black oak tree marked on three sides and from thence west twenty eight degrees thirty minutes southerly twenty six chains to a white oak tree marked on all four sides and from thence west seventeen degrees northerly twenty six chains to a white oak tree marked on all four sides and from thence east twenty eight degrees thirty minutes northerly thirty three chains to a white oak tree marked with the letters P. W. and from thence six degrees northerly twenty chains to a black oak tree marked on all four sides and from thence north seventy five chains to the Bank and so forward to low water mark and from thence by low water mark rounding as it runs to the first station by the small run. Being bounded to the east by the bay south by marked trees and to the west by the land late of Dyonus Teunisson and Lambert Jansen Dorlandt and north by the mouth of the Kill van Kull. Containing 340 acres more or less. And also twenty five acres of salt meadow against Carteretts Point being bounded to the northwest by y^e Maine Creek southeast by the Meadow of

Dyonnis Teunessen and a small creek northeast by Lambert Jansen Dorlandts Meadow * * the which Petition we are willing to grant * * *."

Grants lands so recited.

Record of the Probate	Will Dated 5 May, 1718.
of	Will Proved 22 October 1718.
The Last Will and Testament	Recorded, Liber 9 of Wills,
of	p. 3, N. Y. Surrogate's Office.

Ellis Duxbury, deceased.

In the Name of God, Amen.

I Ellis Duxbury of Staten Island in the County of Richmond and province of New York being in Good health and of Sound and perfect mind and memory Praised be Almighty God for the same do make and declare this my Last will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) first and principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who Gave it trusting and assuredly believing to have free Pardon of all my Sin through the only merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ and my body I commend to the Earth to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as for that Temporary Estate Wherewith it hath Pleased God to bless me, I Dispose thereof as followeth Viz I Give and Devise all that my Plantation or Tract of Land on which I now live Scituate and being in the County of Richmond and Province of New York, Together with the Tenaments hereditaments and appurtenance to the same belonging to the Corporation of The Minister Church Wardens and Vestry of Saint Andrew in the County of Richmond and to their Successors for Ever to and for the only use and maintenance of the present Minister and Incumbent of the said church, the Reverend Master Aeneas Mackenzie during his natural Life and after his decease to his Successors Ministers and Incumbents of the said Church of Saint Andrew at all time hereafter being Orthodox Ministers and of the church of England as now by Law Established but to no other use or uses whatsoever Except in Case of Voidance or Vacancy of such an orthodox minister Dureing Such Time I give the benefite and advantage of my said Plantation to the widow of the Preceding Incumbent until the be such an Orthodox Minister as a for Said Instituted and Indented into the said Church of Saint Andrew and I do make and appoint his excellency Brigadier Robert Hunter our Present Governour of the said province and his Successors Governours of the Same forever to see that the said Plantation or any part thereof according to the Patent Granted me under the Seale of the Said Province be not taken from or put to any other use or uses than is herein and hereby mentioned and Expressed and also to see that no Waste be committed upon the same by Inhabitants thereof by of any Timber or firewood other than for the use of the said Plantation. Item I give and bequeath one hundred pounds current money of New York for the severall uses following (that is to say) for and towards the Building a Vestry Room at the Discretion of my Executor and of the Corporation church Wardens and Vestry of Saint Andrews Church for time Being to build a handsome Porch for the church door to pale in the Church Yards and to buy a pall to Cover the Bier I Give and Bequeath ten pounds Current Money of New York to be Dis-

posed of by my Executor to such poor of the County aforesaid as he shall think fitt and Lastly after my debts Legacies and funeral Expenses paid and discharged I give devise and bequeath unto Master Aeneas Mackenzie now Minister of Saint Andrews Church All my personal Estate in the Province of New York Viz All my Negroes Money plate goods and Chattels Whatsoever not hereinbefore given or Bequeathed and I make him full and Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament and I doe hereby Revoke Disannull and make Void all former and other Will and Wills Gifts Grants Bequests and Legacies by me at any time heretofore given Willed or bequeathed either by word or by Writing and this only and none other to stand for Remain And be as my Last Will and Testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale this fifth day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighteen.

ELLIS ø. DUCKBURY.

Signed,

Sealed Published pronounced and Declared to be the Last Will and Testament of the Testator in the presence of us

WALTER DONGAN, WILLIAM TILLYER, MARGET TILLYER.

New York October twenty Second 1718.

Then appeared before his Excellency Robert Hunter Esq &c. William Tillyer and Marget Tillyer and made Oath that they did See Ellis Duxbury Seal publish and declare the within to be his Last Will and Testament and that at the time thereof he was of Sound Memory and Disposing mind to the Best of their knowledge and that they seen one another and Walter Dongan Subscribe as Witness to the same and that the said Walter being sick he could not be here for Proveing of this Will Without Endangering his Life to the best of their knowledge.

RO: HUNTER.

Memorandum

That on the Twenty Second day of October 1718 the Reverend Mr. Aeneas McKinzie Executer appointed in the Within Will Took the Oath of Executer before me.

RO: HUNTER.

Robert Hunter Esqr Captain General and Govenour in Chiefe of the Provinces of New York New Jersey and Territories thereon depending in America and Vice Admiral of the same &c To all To Whom these Presents shall come or may Concern Greeting Know Yee that at New York the two and twentieth day of October the Last Will and Testament of Ellis Duxbury was proved approved and allowed of by me haveing while he lived and at the time of his death goods Chattels and Creditts in divers places Within this province by means Whereof the full Disposition of all and Singular the Goods Chattells & Creditts of the said decêd and the granting the administration of them also the hearing of Account Calculation or Reckoning and the finale Discharge and Dismission from the same unto me Soly and not unto any other Inferiour Judge Manifestly known to belong and the Administration of All and Singular the Goods Chattels and Creditts of the said deced and his Last Will and Testament in any Manner of Way Concerning was granted unto Aeneas Mackenzie the Executor

in the said Last Will and Testament Named Chiefly of Well and Truely Admin-
 istring the same and of makeing a true and perfect Inventory of all and Singu-
 lar the Goods Chattels and Creditts of the said decêd and Exhibiting the same
 into de Registry of the Prerogative Court in the Secretarys office at or before
 the two and twentyeth of Aprill next Ensuing and of Rendring a just and true
 account Calculation or Reckoning when thereunto required. In Testimony
 Whereof I have Caused the Prerogative Seale to be hereunto affixed at New
 York the two and twentyeth day of October Anno Dom 1718.

JA. ALEXANDER, Scry.

SEE PLATE I.

Tracing from the original draft of a survey of land laid out for Capt. Thomas
 Loulace in 1687.

LIST OF PLATES.

PLATE I.

Map showing old farm lines in Castleton, Staten Island.

PLATE II.

Tracing from the original draft of a survey of land laid out for Andrew Norwood,
Oct. 5th, 1676.

PLATE III.

Diagram showing relative positions of the northern grants of land made in
Dec. 1680.

PLATE IV.

Tracing from the original draft of a survey of land laid out for Capt. Thomas
Loulace in 1687.

PLATE V.

Tracing from the original draft of a resurvey of land laid out for Lambert Jansen
Dortland in 1712.

